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## **Grand Avenue Improvements to be Presented at ADOT Open Houses**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will host a series of open house meetings in the Northwest Valley on March 25 and April 1 to share draft recommendations for possible future improvements to Grand Avenue from Loop 303 to Loop 101.

The study, which began last summer, evaluates potential improvements along this section of Grand Avenue for implementation into Phase II (2011-2015) of the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County. Possible improvements evaluated in the study for this section of Grand Avenue will be in addition to the upcoming widening project from Loop 303 to 83rd Avenue, which will expand Grand Avenue to three lanes in each direction by 2011.

The open houses will be held:

March 25: 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Sundial Recreation Center – East Hall  
14801 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Sun City

March 25: 6-8 p.m.  
El Mirage Elementary School – Cafeteria  
12308 W. Thunderbird Road, El Mirage

April 1: 6-8 p.m.  
Valley Vista High School – Media Center  
15550 N. Parkview Place, Surprise

A presentation about the draft project recommendations will begin a half-hour after the start of the meetings. The same information will be presented in each session.

The public will have an opportunity to learn about the proposed projects and comment on the draft study recommendations. Members of the study team will be available to address questions about the projects. Several criteria -- including public input, construction feasibility, engineering, cost factors, and environmental and right-of-way impacts -- will be used to prioritize projects in the study.

For more information about the meetings or the study, or for special accommodations, contact the Northwest Valley Community Outreach Team at 480.890.3055 or [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com).

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